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• Operator of the Pettigrew Tea Rooms, David Le Masurier, outside the restored West Lodge.

## Room with a brew at Bute Park

A historic city centre building has been restored and is being opened up to the public for the first time.

West Lodge, just off Castle Street, is a well-known city landmark and is next to the busiest of the ten pedestrian entrances to Bute Park.

As part of the multi-million pound Bute Park Restoration Project the Victorian building has undergone an exciting refurbishment and is now open to park users for the first time in its 129 year history.

The building will operate as a traditional tea room – named after the 19th Century

landscape architect Andrew Pettigrew who designed the formal gardens in Bute Park – with a small gift shop, new outdoor seating area and public toilets.

As part of the restoration, the floor of the Pettigrew Tea Rooms will boast a large collection of around 850 Victorian tiles that were originally part of Bute Park's Blackfriars Friary site but have been in storage since 1977.

The new floor compliments the original features of the building whilst creating a unique feature in the tea room that members of the public

can enjoy.

The development of West Lodge is part of the £5.6m Bute Park restoration project which is supported by a £3.1m grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF). This has already seen work carried out on a host of important historic features, as well as providing new facilities and helping tell the story of Bute Park.

Dr Manon Williams, Chair of HLF Wales, said: "The new West Lodge building will safeguard a fascinating part of Cardiff's rich heritage, while also providing a distinctive and attractive place for local

people and visitors to relax and enjoy the beautiful surroundings of Bute Park.

"As I can testify myself, the park is a vibrant green space that plays a crucial part in the daily lives of Cardiff's residents, and this latest development is a great addition to the visitor facilities."

Designed by architect Alexander Roos and completed in 1863, West Lodge was originally an ornamental gatehouse as part of the third Marquess of Bute's long term plan to develop the estate.

Tea room operator, David Le Masurier added: "The West Lodge building has long intrigued me. It is a stunning building that I am delighted to see restored and for the first time open to the public so that everyone can use the space. The educational responsibility of the West Lodge and Bute Park really excites me. I am only now discovering the wonderful heritage of Bute Park. There is much for me to learn, but I will make it a priority along with educating my team so that they are ambassadors for the city."

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## A day in a life

The latest in a regular series looking at jobs carried out by Council employees. This month **David Clay**, Protocol Officer, talks to Capital Times



I'm very privileged to have worked in the Mansion House for the last 11 years and during my time in the Protocol Office I have met everyone from The Queen down.

It's all very different from my background of working in large hotels, like Claridges of London, and running my own catering business.

Built in 1896 to be the grand family home of one of the city's most famous businessmen, James Howell, the Mansion House became the official residence of The Right Honourable, The Lord Mayor of Cardiff in 1913, and this year's Lord Mayor, Councillor Professor Delme Bowen, is the 99th to have graced its grand rooms and

corridors. Although these days the Lord Mayor no longer lives in the house as they once used to.

Working in the Mansion House is the best job I have ever had and there is no average day. One day I'm meeting a group of primary school children who are here to meet The Lord Mayor, the next we could have a visiting Ambassador staying overnight - and it's my role to look after guests from the moment they get up to the time they go to bed.

We work with departments from across the Council to organise events, and although we are only a small team, we help co-ordinate a large number of events and functions throughout the

year

The Mansion House has a growing reputation as a venue for private events like celebration dinners, weddings and business meetings and conferences. It also hosts important civic events and is where new British Citizens come for the special ceremony that welcomes them into the United Kingdom's family. I get to see all the parts of life that make people happy. I'm very lucky.

The most important part of my role is to help look after The Lord Mayor of Cardiff. As the city's first citizen, The Lord Mayor's role is varied and extremely busy, attending various events, chairing meetings of the Full Council, working on behalf of their

nominated charity and welcoming visitors from across the world to Cardiff - around 500 engagements in total every year.

It's a great honour to work with The Lord Mayor, in particular the major annual events like Remembrance Sunday which is so poignant and humbling, and the joyous celebrations on St. David's Day.

I have worked with 10 mayors in my time at the Protocol Office and every time he or she finishes their year of tenure there is a bit of sadness. We develop a rapport and close relationship with each one, which is vital to ensuring that they personally have the very best experience in

what is a momentous and important time in their life. However, on the flipside it's great to have a new Mayor and have a fresh outlook on the role.

The protocol office is always a hive of activity and this year promises to be an even busier one, with Diamond Jubilee Celebrations and the Olympic Games coming to the city.

• To find out more about The Mansion House, David will be hosting a special talk at the venue on April 12 at 6.30pm giving people the opportunity to see the original interiors and absorb 120 years of history. For more information visit [www.mansionhousecardiff.co.uk](http://www.mansionhousecardiff.co.uk)

## Stars bang the drum for binning gum

WELSH superstars joined Cardiff Council in urging people to stop throwing their chewing gum onto the city's roads and pavements.

Olympic silver medallist Jamie Baulch and Paralympian swimming legend, Dave Roberts joined a Council roadshow giving out information and gum wrapper packs to passers-by emphasising the importance of keeping our streets clean.

Chewing gum waste is expensive to clean and blights city centre streets and attractions. With the eyes of the world upon us in the summer as we host Olympic football matches it is more important than ever according to Jamie Baulch, to think before throwing their gum on the floor.

"With Cardiff having the Olympic football two days

before the opening ceremony, the world is going to be watching us. If you're going to chew gum there's more than enough bins around Cardiff, and there's the wrapper you got it out of for a start, put it in your pocket and take it home and put it in the bin. Think about it for a second, before you spit it out or just chuck it on the floor, think about it, think about what you're doing to your city," he said.

Dave Roberts added: "I think it's about pride in the city and where we live and I think people need to realise we're very fortunate to live in such a lovely city and we need to look after it. At the end of the day, the Games are coming here and it's our chance to shine."

The roadshow was held in conjunction with Tidy



• Dave Roberts and Jamie Baulch promoting the 'bin your gum' message.

Towns and the Chewing Gum Action Group with the Council's Waste Education team.

The team were out all day on Queen Street in Cardiff's city centre talking to the public and were joined by enforcement

officers underlining the message that we all have a role to play in keeping our beautiful city clean. The officers also handed out fixed penalty notices of £75 to those who failed to use one of the many bins in the city centre for their litter.

Committee  
dates April

**Tuesday, April 3, Licensing Committee**, 10am, Committee Room 1 County Hall.

**Tuesday, April 3, Public Protection Committee**, 10.30am, Committee Room 1 County Hall.

**Thursday, April 5, Executive Business Meeting**, 2pm, Committee Room 3 County Hall.

**Wednesday, April 18, Planning (Development Control) Committee**, 2.30pm, Ferrier Hall, City Hall.

These dates are correct at time of going to press, however changes can occur due to unforeseen circumstances. If you wish to attend any of these meetings, details may be confirmed with Committee Services at County Hall on 029 2087 2000.



# Tourism in Cardiff is flourishing

EASTER marks the start of the main visitor season in Cardiff and the good news is that tourism in the city is thriving.

Figures from the most recent tourism research show that in 2010 Cardiff welcomed 18.306m visitors, up 25 per cent on the previous year and an incredible 98.2 per cent increase since 1998. This creates an annual visitor revenue of more than £850m.

Since 1998, the number of hotel bedrooms in Cardiff also has risen by around 60 per cent, with several new hotels and other accommodation recently opening in the city, including the Radisson Blu (215 rooms), Premier Inn City Centre (200 rooms), Travelodge Queen Street (97 rooms) and Maldron (216 rooms).

Around £247,000 worth of accommodation bookings

(nearly 6,400 bednights) were made via Cardiff's Tourist Information Centre and the Visit Cardiff website between April 2010 and December 2011.

And the good news is, with its wonderful array of attractions and facilities, people are coming away from Cardiff impressed with what they see.

An emphatic 98 per cent of visitors described their visit to

Cardiff as either "enjoyable" or "very enjoyable" with 99 per cent of people saying they would recommend Cardiff as a visitor attraction to someone else.

Cardiff's reputation as a friendly city was borne out by fact that 95 per cent of visitors agreed they had been made to feel welcome, with 90 per cent also agreeing that Cardiff is a vibrant and lively city.

In its recent review of Cardiff, Lonely Planet – the best selling travel guide – describes the city as "one of Britain's leading urban centres of the 21st century" and pays tribute to the Welsh capital's "infectious new-found confidence" and "a buzz that reverberates through the streets". It also says that "the city has entered the new millennium pumped up on

steroids, flexing its new architectural muscles as if it's still astonished to have them".

Tourism in Cardiff has been further buoyed by the news that Spanish airline Vueling has chosen Cardiff for the airline's first direct service between the UK to Barcelona.

Below are just some of the highlights that are making Cardiff one of the best destinations in the UK to visit.

• Bute Park is one of the biggest city centre green spaces in the UK and has been enhanced through an ongoing £5.6m Heritage Lottery Fund project, including the restoration of heritage features such as the Animal Wall.



• Cardiff Castle - one of Wales' leading heritage attractions boasting 2000 years of history from its days as a Roman garrison to the present day. It also features the hugely popular Interpretation Centre, which opened in 2008.



• The St David's Dewi Sant development opened in October 2009 and has brought millions of shoppers to the Welsh capital taking Cardiff within the top five shopping destinations in the UK.



• With the Millennium Stadium, Cardiff City Stadium and SWALEC Stadium among others, Cardiff has successfully hosted many major sporting events, including the FA and Heineken Cup Finals as well as an Ashes test match.



• The Cardiff Story museum, depicting the history of Cardiff through the eyes of those who created the city - its people, opened last April and welcomed 250,000 visitors in its first 12 months.



• The International Sports Village (ISV) is one of the largest regeneration projects in the UK with a 50-metre Olympic standard swimming pool, an ice rink and a white water canoeing and kayaking centre.



• The recent pedestrianisation of St Mary Street and public realm improvements has greatly improved the appearance of the city centre making it more attractive to tourists.



Photograph by Charlotte Jenkins

• The city's Tourist Information Centre (TIC), based at the Old Library building has recently undergone a refit and is a valuable and popular resource for visitors and local people. To contact the TIC call 029 2087 3573 or go to the Visit Cardiff website [www.visitcardiff.com](http://www.visitcardiff.com)



## Cardiff – the future

With the increase in visitor numbers, tourism across the city continues to expand with more attractions planned for the coming years.

• Development of the ISV continues with the building of an exciting Waterfront project including a new twin pad ice arena and slow slope.

• The Doctor Who Experience, combining a walk-through immersive adventure with the largest exhibition ever assembled of sets, props and memorabilia

from the series, will open this year

• The opening of the Wales Coastal Path in May, including a route through Cardiff

• This summer Cardiff will play is part in the Olympics, with the Millennium Stadium hosting 11 games for the men's and women's football competitions.



# All the 'knight' moves

THE Cardiff and the Vale Schools Chess Championships were recently held at County Hall in Cardiff Bay and heralded a great success.

Nearly 300 children from 45 different schools were packed into the committee rooms of County Hall to take part in the championships with some tremendous games on show.

Cardiff Council also opened up the staff dining rooms so

there was plenty of space for mums and dads to settle in for a long day of support.

Organisers were impressed by the high standard of chess on display throughout all the various age groups.

As the final under 9s game drew to its tense conclusion many spectators were gathered around the table and burst into spontaneous applause at the sight of two young girls playing out a complicated endgame with

great skill and composure.

Schools with thriving chess clubs have noticed that the popularity of the game has led to a marked improvement in the behaviour and concentration of pupils and the championships were testament to this.

The winners on the day were presented with their trophies by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Jayne Cowan. These were:

**Under 8s** - Venetia

Sivarajasingam (Howells)

**Under 9s** - Shayanna Sivarajasingam (Howells)

**Under 10s** - Karanvir Lutchman-Singh (Cathedral) and Benjamin Choo Yin (Rhiwbina)

**Under 11s** - Daniel Siromani (City of Llandaff)

**Under 13s** - Alyssa Wang (Howells)

**Under 15s** - Joshua McKenna (Kings Monkton)

**Under 18s** - James Thomas (St Cyres)



Photography by Daniel Mackie

## Biodiversity Corner

Biodiversity is all living things. It provides us with food, clothing, medicine, building materials and fuel. It helps reduce stress and aids relaxation. Each month Cardiff Council ecologist **Laura Palmer** will point out some of the great biodiversity you can see across the city.

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April is a fabulous month for wildlife, as the trees and shrubs burst into leaf with fresh, vibrant green foliage.

Meadows are starting to fill with colourful flowers while Primroses form bright yellow patches in sunny areas such as road verges.

Frog spawn and toad eggs will start to be seen in large quantities in park and garden ponds. Frog spawn is laid in large clumps. Toad spawn is laid in long strings which are wrapped around submerged vegetation.

If you are lucky enough to have spawn in your garden pond please do not share it with others. Moving spawn around can spread diseases that can have a serious affect on amphibian populations. There may also be tiny parts of non-native invasive plants on the spawn and putting them in another pond could lead to it being taken over with unwanted plants. If you have a garden pond with no frogs in it be patient, if they are in the area and the conditions are right they will find your pond.

I'll be back next month with more biodiversity attractions.



• Cuckooflowers



• Toad spawn

## John gets on his bike

A very special bike is being used in a sponsored 200 mile ride to raise money for the Lord Mayor's nominated charity.

The bike has been assembled by the Cardiff Cycle Workshop – a community enterprise based in Ely – using parts from unwanted bicycles, either donated by members of the public or left at some of the city's Household Waste Recycling Centres.

Cardiff Council employee John Holloman, who is based at the Mansion House and supports the Lord Mayor, Councillor Delme Bowen with his charity work, has set himself the challenge of

cycling to and from work every day for a week to raise funds that will go to help Cancer Research Wales with its vital work.

At the end of John's gruelling week in the saddle, those who have sponsored him will have the chance to win the bike in a raffle.

John said: "I am not a bike rider at all so this is a pretty daunting challenge but I am delighted to be raising money for such a worthy charity that does such great work."

The Lord Mayor said: "Cancer Research Wales is a charity that's very dear to my heart and I was delighted when John told me of his plan

to help raise money with this challenge. Not only will the money he raises to help Cancer Research do a great deal of good, John will have reduced his carbon footprint and helped to highlight the fabulous work of Cardiff Cycle Workshop who transform one person's junk into another's sustainable transport."

John can be sponsored online at [www.justgiving.com/JohnHolloman1](http://www.justgiving.com/JohnHolloman1) or by sending a cheque payable to Cardiff Council Lord Mayor's Charity to: Protocol Office, Mansion House, Richmond Road, Cardiff CF24 3UN, remembering to write a contact telephone number on the back.



• John Holloman being egged on by the Lord Mayor, Councillor Delme Bowen

Photography by Emily Morris



# Olympic torch coming to Cardiff

CARDIFF is gearing up for the arrival of the Olympic Flame in May.

Residents and communities are being encouraged to get into the spirit of the Games by welcoming the flame to their nearest street and cheering on the inspirational torchbearers who have been selected to carry it.

The Olympic Flame will be carried through the city on Friday, May 25 and street-by-street details and the proposed timings can be viewed in full at [www.london2012.com/olympictorchrelay](http://www.london2012.com/olympictorchrelay).

One of the torchbearers confirmed to carry the flame is Wayne Jenkins, 51, from Rumney, Cardiff who was nominated by his daughter Sophie.

Wayne is the Assistant Operations Manager for Sport Wales and has spent the last 32 years supporting young athletes by providing the highest level of facilities and equipment available.

He has nurtured many young athletes, some of

which have developed into Olympic qualifying athletes and medallists. He has also run in countless marathons and recently took part in an Arctic driving expedition with several Paralympic medallists.

Wayne is one of those who were successful through the public nomination processes run by the London Olympic Games Organising Committee (LOCOG) and the Presenting Partners, Coca Cola, Lloyds TSB and Samsung.

Talking about the honour to carry the flame, Wayne said: "I'm really proud to have been selected as an Olympic Torchbearer through the Lloyds TSB nomination process.

"It will be a once in a lifetime experience to carry the Olympic Flame and an honour to have the opportunity to represent all of the athletes I've worked with in Wales these past 32 years."

LOCOG has endeavoured to slot all community torchbearers within an hour

of their nomination address so family and friends can cheer them on. Each torchbearer will wear a white and gold uniform which been designed by Adidas.

An average of 115 Torchbearers a day will carry the Olympic Flame during its 8,000 mile journey around the UK before it arrives at the Olympic Stadium on 27 July 2012 for the lighting of the cauldron at the Opening Ceremony, signifying the official start of the London Games.

As an

overnight stop for the flame, Cardiff will also host a free evening of entertainment to celebrate the occasion, details of which will be released soon.

Schools across the city are being encouraged to make the most of the Olympic Torch Relay and can now access free learning resources through Get Set, the official London 2012 education programme.

The activities are designed to help schools and colleges enjoy the relay by

lining the route, and cheering on their local torchbearers. Resources include ideas for making flame hats and shakers to welcome the flame, an assembly presentation to get the school behind a torchbearer and a film showing one Get Set network school's preparations for the relay.

• For more information please go to [www.london2012.com/getset](http://www.london2012.com/getset)



• Wayne Jenkins with the Olympic torch at Cardiff Castle

Photography by Stephen Rusling



## News in brief

### Ensemble auditions to take place

AUDITIONS are set to take place for the Cardiff County and Vale of Glamorgan Music Service (CCVG).

CCVG runs 24 county ensembles weekly in term time at the Friary Centre for over 1,200 children.

Many have gained national and international recognition, including performances in Carnegie Hall, New York. Playing music together has proved to boost communication, social, concentration and motor skills as well as being fun.

There are four orchestras, four brass bands, three wind bands, three choirs, three percussion ensembles, two big bands, two guitar ensembles, symphonic brass, violin club and cello club.

Auditions will take place during the summer term at the Friary Centre, for dates and times visit the website.

Pupils need to be attending schools that use CCVG Music Service.

For more information call 029 2064 0950, email

[ccvgmusic@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:ccvgmusic@cardiff.gov.uk) or visit the website [www.ccvgmusic.org](http://www.ccvgmusic.org)

## Capital Cardiff Conference



• Allister Frost giving his key-note speech at the Capital Cardiff Conference

BUDDING entrepreneurs and expanding businesses attended the Capital Cardiff Conference at Cardiff's City Hall, which saw them benefit from free advice and opportunities for funding.

Hosted jointly by Cardiff Council and the South Wales Chamber of Commerce, the conference offered seminars on more effective ways of doing business and the opportunity to network and

establish new business contacts from across the UK.

Key-note speaker Allister Frost, Head of Strategic Marketing at Microsoft gave delegates a personal insight into emerging online marketing techniques and explained how brands like Windows 7, Office365, and Xbox 360 are using such techniques via the social web to achieve their business goals.

Allister also shared his knowledge of the rapid changes within the social media landscape, and spoke about how brands can benefit from the end of the broadcast era as well as how creative marketing in a digital world can help unlock fresh business opportunities.

During the conference, companies currently seeking investment were given the opportunity to pitch their proposals before a live audience to a panel of business experts. Those experts quizzed each pitching company and were then given the opportunity to meet potential investors in one to one meetings, in the hope of securing that important financial investment. Businesses in attendance were also able to meet with local business advisors and discuss ways in which their business could grow and prosper.

• Video highlights can be viewed by visiting [www.cardiff.gov.uk/capitalcardiff](http://www.cardiff.gov.uk/capitalcardiff)

## Cardiff takes a stance against advertising boards

CARDIFF Council is looking into tackling the problem of 'to let' advertising boards.

The issue first arose when complaints about the excessive number of boards in the Cathays area of the city were raised with the Council. Because Cathays has a large student population there have been criticisms that the signs are being used by letting agents as a form of free advertising and are blighting the area.

A council survey carried out in Cathays found that 14.3 per cent of all properties (801 homes) had 'to let' and 'for sale' signs displayed. Six months later 513 of these boards were still in place.

The survey also revealed that properties with 'to let' signs are twice as likely to be

burgled than those without.

However due to the current legislation enforcement is difficult so the Council is undertaking a comprehensive public consultation in the Gabalfa, Plasnewydd and Cathays wards to establish the level of community support for the Council taking further steps to try and tackle this problem.

If the proposal receives support through public consultation, the council will apply to the Welsh Government for a ruling that would remove the automatic right of letting agents to display 'to let' signs. As part of the consultation the Council is also looking at the possibility of only allowing advertising boards which are flat against the wall or displayed in windows.

## Mature Driver Refresher Seminar

DO you find driving stressful at times? Cardiff Council's Road Safety Unit, in conjunction with the Cardiff Group of the Institute of Advanced Motorists (CGIAM), is organising a number of Mature Driver Refresher seminars to be held at the Road Safety Centre, Maindy during 2012.

The seminar is designed to enable mature drivers to improve their existing practical skills and to help them cope with the growing demands of modern traffic conditions.

A total of 18 places are available on each course and will be reserved on a first come, first served basis. A £10 non-refundable fee, which must be forwarded to the Road Safety Centre upon booking, is required in order to secure your place. Failure to submit a fee will result in your place being offered to another person.

The seminars, which run from 1.30pm to 4.30pm, are taking place on Thursday, June 28; Thursday, July 26; Thursday, August 16 and Thursday, November 1.

If you would like to reserve a place on one of the seminars or require further details, please contact the Road Safety Team on 029 2078 8521. You can also visit the Road Safety website on [www.roadsafety.cardiff.gov.uk](http://www.roadsafety.cardiff.gov.uk)

Please note that courses may be cancelled or rearranged if attendance falls below ten places.



# Make your voice heard

RESIDENTS across Cardiff are being urged to make sure they are registered to vote by the deadline of Wednesday, April 18.

With just weeks to go until Council elections take place across Wales, people who haven't yet registered to vote are being reminded to make sure their voice is

heard on a host of local issues which have a major impact on everyone's daily lives.

Registering only takes a few minutes and will allow voters to have their say on the issues that really matter to them in the upcoming elections.

Not being registered to

vote also effects your credit rating as, by law, the information on the electoral register must be provided to credit ratings agencies who will check it every time you try to open an account.

Returning Officer for Cardiff Jon House said: "Making the decision to register to vote is one way

that people can make their voices heard on the issues they are concerned about.

"These are local elections which means that people have a chance to have a say about the provision of many important decisions affecting everyone's daily lives including education, street lighting, waste

collections, parks, social services, leisure centres and economic development.

"If you aren't on the electoral register, you will miss out on the chance to have your say and make what you think counts."

People are eligible to register to vote if they are 16 years old or over and a British, Irish, EU or qualifying Commonwealth citizen. Qualifying Commonwealth citizens are those who have leave to enter or remain in the UK, or do not require such leave.

The deadline to register to vote for the election on

Thursday 3 May is midnight on Wednesday 18 April. This is also the last day that postal votes can be requested, with the deadlines for this at 5pm.

• All the information people need to register, as well as voter registration forms can be found on the Electoral Commission's website, [www.aboutmyvote.co.uk](http://www.aboutmyvote.co.uk)

People can also get more details on registering to vote by visiting the Council website on [www.cardiff.gov.uk](http://www.cardiff.gov.uk) or calling 029 2087 2087/ 2087 2088 (Welsh language)



**If you're not registered, you can't vote.**

To make sure you can vote in the elections in your area on 3 May, check you are registered.

Contact us to register by 18 April.

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I wneud yn siŵr eich bod yn gallu pleidleisio yn etholiadau 3 Mai, gwnewch yn siŵr eich bod wedi'ch cofrestru.

Cysylltwch â ni i gofrestru erbyn 18 Ebrill

It's your vote, don't lose it  
Eich pleidlais chi yw hi, peidiwch â'i cholli

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## Beat the crowd and cast your postal vote

PEOPLE who have registered for a postal vote for this year's Council elections can beat the crowd and cast their vote this month even though the polls do not open until May 3.

From Thursday, April 19 anyone who has registered for a postal vote can return their ballot paper and ensure they have made their voice heard on the elections for Cardiff Council.

Returning the postal vote only takes a few minutes and will allow voters to have their say on the issues that really matter to them in the upcoming elections.

In Cardiff approximately 46,000 people have registered for postal votes

• Further information can be found on the Electoral Commission's website, [www.aboutmyvote.co.uk](http://www.aboutmyvote.co.uk) or by going to [www.cardiff.gov.uk](http://www.cardiff.gov.uk)



# New statue unveiled

CARDIFF Lord Mayor, Councillor Delme Bowen, has unveiled a very special statue in Cardiff Bay.

The World Harmony Peace Statue has been presented to the city by the World Harmony Run, a global relay that seeks to promote international friendship and understanding.

As a symbol of harmony, runners carry a flaming torch, passing it from hand to hand travelling through over 100 nations around the globe with the goal of create goodwill among peoples of all nations.

The statue has been presented to Cardiff in the 25th anniversary year of the World Harmony Run and includes a plaque which explains the statue and

includes a quote from the run's founder Sri Chinmoy that reads: "Peace is not merely the absence of war. Peace is the dynamic and energetic presence of love, harmony and oneness in the world family."

The statue, designed to be an interactive piece of art which invites the onlooker to hold the torch and offer a silent prayer for Peace, was unveiled in front of runners as well as the the Executive Director of the World Harmony Run, Salil Wilson.

Children, from the Urdd, who are working with the World Harmony Run to carry the torch to schools in Wales this year, also were involved in the unveiling ceremony.

After the inauguration of the statue a concert took place at the Wales

Millennium Centre which included a children's choir from the Urdd.

The Lord Mayor said: "It is a great honour to be able to unveil and introduce this very special piece of public art to the people of Cardiff and all who visit the city."

"The message it brings is important to us all and I hope that everyone who sees it - whether they be local to the area or from amongst the many thousands of visitors to Cardiff from other parts of the UK and around the World - will take a little time to reflect on how they personally can contribute to and promote world peace, harmony and respect for each other's cultures."

"We are immensely grateful to World Harmony

Run for generously donating this statue. By coming together with the Urdd to organise the Welsh stages of the annual

World Harmony Run, they are showing us all the way forward and I wish them every continued success."



• Lord Mayor, Councillor Delme Bowen next to the World Harmony Peace Statue

Photography by Stephen Rusling



## News in brief

### Cardiff school gains two prestigious awards

RUMNEY Primary School has received ICT and Arts Mark awards.

The school in Wenttoog Road, Rumney School has a philosophy that ICT is embraced by the school community and it aims to provide the best possible opportunities for its pupils.

The Naace Mark ICT award recognises the school's success in developing the strategic use of ICT in administration and across the curriculum.

In addition the school, which opened in 2008 following the amalgamation of the former Infant and Junior Schools, has also been awarded the Silver Cardiff Arts Mark in recognition of the high quality teaching, learning and provision of the Creative Arts throughout the school.

Headteacher Ann Evans said: "We are delighted that the school has gained two further prestigious awards highlighting positive and productive approaches that we adopt in ICT and the Creative Arts and the consequential benefits they bring to our children. All children and staff at the school deserve credit for their achievements."

### Volunteers clean up in Llandaff

TWENTY volunteers from Cardiff Rivers Group did their bit to improve the rivers of Cardiff when they cleansed the riverbanks in Llandaff.

The volunteers collected rubbish that had been brought downstream in the winter floods and caught up in the overhanging branches, collecting 28 bags of rubbish, two trolleys, four bikes, a kids car seat, a moped, the remains of an oil drum, a gas canister and a car wheel and tyre.

All the rubbish was disposed of by Cardiff Council's Parks Department.

Louise Tambini, of Cardiff Rivers Group said: "When this part of the River Taff runs high, lots of items get stuck in the bankside vegetation which makes the area look very unsightly indeed. To remove this trapped litter is a painstaking task as each piece has to individually removed."

"Unfortunately much of the rubbish is sanitary waste that has been flushed down the toilet and Cardiff Rivers Group would like to make a plea to people to 'bag it and bin it' - don't flush it!"

Cardiff Rivers Group formed in 2009 as part of the 'Tidy Towns' project: a partnership between Keep Wales Tidy and local authorities including Cardiff Council. It is always looking for new volunteers, so if you would like to lend a hand, please contact Louise on 07824 504790 or e-mail louise.tambini@keepwalestidy.org.

## Bessemer the best for household waste

THERE are many occasions when we all have to deal with bulky items and larger volumes of recycling, gardening and other waste and this is where our four Household Waste and Recycling Centres (HWRC) come into their own.

Recycling facilities for various materials are available at all our HWRC sites which include cardboard, electrical goods, wood, garden waste, metal and much more.

Bessemer Close in Leckwith is the Council's flagship HWRC. It is the biggest and most modern centre where residents can take the most comprehensive variety of household waste and recycling.

The smaller Waungron Road and Wedal Road centres often experience queues of traffic at peak times to enter the site but as Bessemer Close is the youngest centre many residents have yet to discover it.

The Bessemer Close HWRC accepts everything the other three centres take with the addition of bikes, gas bottles and plasterboard.

A large number of bikes are

thrown away in Cardiff every year and although the metal components can be recycled, a lot can end up in landfill. Instead, even if your bike is in bad condition, bring it to Bessemer Close as it could still be re-used by non-profit community organisations such as Cycle Training Wales and Bike It!

The HWRC sites are designated for household waste only, no commercial or business waste is accepted at these locations.

Some larger vehicles now have to use Bessemer Close and Lamby Way and are required to book in with at least 24 hours notice. Customers should also note that C2C is closed on Good Friday and through the Easter weekend, opening again on Tuesday 10th April. All vehicles that need to be booked to visit Bessemer Close or Lamby Way that weekend must be done so by Thursday, April 5.

• For full details of the booking service and details of all our HWRC locations and what items and materials you can dispose of please visit [www.cardiff.gov.uk/waste](http://www.cardiff.gov.uk/waste) or call C2C on 02920 872 2087.

## Important Changes to our Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC)



### No booking needed



Cars, 4x4's (without pick up backs) and People Carriers



### Please book first\* (For details see below)



\*Limited visits  
Cars with small trailers (1.2m x 1.2m max.); caravanettes; 4x4's with pick-ups; minibuses; small vans; short wheel base transit type vans.



### Sorry, no entry!



Large box vans (luton type), long wheel base / high top vans; any twin axle vehicle; any vehicle with a tail lift or tipping body; pick ups (excluding 4x4's).

To book your visit please telephone C2C on 029 2087 2087 Mon to Fri 08.30 to 16.00 or book online at [www.cardiff.gov.uk/hwrc](http://www.cardiff.gov.uk/hwrc).

**PLEASE NOTE:** Min 24 hour notice required for telephone bookings (bookings CANNOT be made on weekends or bank holidays). 4 days notice is required for online bookings.

To find out more about our HWRC sites visit [www.cardiff.gov.uk/hwrc](http://www.cardiff.gov.uk/hwrc).



# Young football enthusiasts are live and kicking



Photography by Emily Morris

• (From left to right) Isabelle Thomas, Jordan Mears and Ben Jones.

A football initiative for children and young people has been hailed a success after receiving record attendance numbers.

The 'Kick Off Centre' programme, which is a partnership between Cardiff Council and Cardiff City Football Club (CCFC) Community Foundation, has even led to some participants being recommended to the Cardiff City Football Club Youth Academy.

The aim of 'Kick Off Centre' is to deliver CCFCs under-11s football programme, to children aged between four and 11 years using leisure centre staff and Council facilities whilst providing a clear development pathway for children into CCFC Academies.

Each member of Council staff receives training from CCFC Community Foundation and the Football Association of Wales (FAW) so they may deliver the sessions to UEFA standards. They also take part

in regular training and workshops with the club so they continue to develop their skills.

Cardiff City manager Malky Mackay said: "The Kick Off Centre initiative delivers an inspirational project which has a positive influence on the community at large and actively encourages a healthy lifestyle on the children that participate. With the continued support of Cardiff Council, the impact of the work cannot be underestimated and could also benefit Cardiff City by providing us with possible stars for the future via our established Community and Education Foundation and Academy pathways."

The Kick Off Programme is currently available at Pentwyn, Llanishen and Fairwater leisure centres. For more information please contact Alex Gdula on 029 20549211 or Dean Pymble at football4all@cardiffcityfc.co.uk or 029 2064 3652.

## Pupils fundraising efforts are a real bobble

YEAR six pupils from Ysgol Mynydd Bychan helped celebrate Bobble Day by wearing their winter woollies and bobbles to school.

Bobble Day is Age Cymru's annual fundraiser to help the charity raise money for its 'Spread the Warmth' campaign aimed at keeping older people warm in winter.

For Bobble Day this year the charity asked people to support the initiative by wearing their winter woollies to school and work or by buying a bobble.

The children at Ysgol Mynydd Bychan, which is in New Zealand Road, Gabalfa, duly obliged and raised over £200 by wearing their winter woollies and coloured bobbles on their clothes.

Age Cymru is the national charity for older people in Wales, which was created by the combining of Age Concern Cymru and Help the Aged in Wales in 2009.

Spread the Warmth is a yearly

campaign to help make winter warmer for tens of thousands of older people by providing them with information, advice and practical services.

Headteacher at Ysgol Mynydd Bychan Sian Evans, said: "For the first time in history, there are more people over 60 than under 16 in Wales. We wanted the children to think about that and be aware of the challenges older people can face. The children enjoyed themselves and raised

money for a worthwhile cause at the same time."

Richard Nicholls, Director of Income Resources at Age Cymru, said: "We're very grateful to Ysgol Mynydd Bychan for joining in the fun and making Bobble Day such a special and joyous day. By wearing their winter woollies and bobbles to school, the pupils helped to raise funds for Age Cymru's Spread the Warmth campaign to make winter warmer for older people."



• Children from Ysgol Mynydd Bychan celebrate Bobble Day



• Tommy "The Fish" Letton

**EACH month the Capital Times will feature an object that The Cardiff Story has in its collection and need our readers' feedback to learn more about it.**

THE Cardiff Story is one year old!

On April 1 last year, The Cardiff Story opened its doors to become Cardiff's first museum dedicated to telling the city's history.

Since then, more than 250,000 visitors have been through the doors to find out more about the city they live in, grew up in or are visiting.

One of the most popular items in the museum is a bike that belonged to the infamous Tommy "The Fish" Letton, on loan from Amgueddfa Cymru – National Museum Wales.

Tommy spent 40 years selling fish from a barrow around Tiger Bay. He died in 1991, aged 90, and a film shown alongside his bike means Cardiffians, visitors and even Tommy's family can have a glimpse of the kind of character he was.

Renee Uzzel, Tommy's daughter said: "My dad was a very proud Cardiffian. He travelled all over the world, but Tiger Bay was always his home and I'm thrilled that, thanks to The Cardiff Story, people can now see his bike and hear his story. Many of my great-

grandchildren and his great-great grandchildren never had the chance to meet him, so it's lovely for them to see (and hear!) what he was like."

The Cardiff Story Museum is now developing a new gallery, Cardiff Communities, to further explore Cardiff's history of sport, leisure and culture. If you have any objects or stories that can help tell an aspect of the city's unique history, the museum would love to hear from you. Contact the Collections Team on 029 2078 8250 or email [cardiffstory@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:cardiffstory@cardiff.gov.uk)



# The Power of Reading

## Virtual book club launched

A new virtual book club for young people has been launched at Cardiff Central Library.

Cardiff Council's Reading Power and TheSprout website have joined forces to create the online club which features a monthly book recommendation and invites readers to post their reviews and comments about the books online at TheSprout website.

Local children's author Cathy Farr officially launched the club along with her Irish Wolfhound Finn and was joined by a group of Year 9 students from Michaelston and Glyn Derw secondary schools.

TheSprout website, which is an interactive website offering

information, news and advice to all young people aged 11 to 25 in Cardiff, is hosting the virtual book club. The website is fully interactive and allows young people to upload articles, events, pictures and videos.

Virtual book club members can either set up a book club at school to read and discuss the books, or they can simply read them at home and post their comments on the website.

Cardiff Council recognises that literacy plays a fundamental role in people's lives and launched its Reading Power campaign in autumn 2010.

Poor literacy has a dramatic effect on both an

individual's life and wider society and has been linked with an increased tendency for crime, poor educational attainment, health issues and also causes problems for business and the wider economy from skills shortages.

• For more information on the Reading Power campaign, visit [www.cardiff.gov.uk/readingpower](http://www.cardiff.gov.uk/readingpower) which provides information on how parents can help their children, containing tips and advice as well as recommending books and links to other websites that promote reading as an enjoyable pastime, as well as

an enjoyable pastime, as well as an essential skill. For more information on the book club, visit <https://bit.ly/readingpower>



Photography by Emily Morris

• (Above) Childrens author Cathy Farr and Irish Wolfhound Finn with the year 9 students

• (Right) Children from Bayden Powell enjoying their book club



Photography by Stephen Rustling

## Baden Boys book club a huge success

BOYS at a primary school in Cardiff have set up their own book club – proving they love to read and share their ideas about literature.

National statistics recently highlighted a problem with boys' literacy skills, but the headmaster of Baden Powell Primary School in Tremorfa, Jason Clark, believes that engaging boys at an early age helps them develop an interest in reading and raises their reading standards.

He said: There's a perception that boys don't read but our pupils are doing a great job of challenging that. I'm proud of them."

Children and staff began the initiative by donating a variety of reading materials, including fishing magazines, Doctor Who books, dinosaur books and lots of reference and fiction books for a book trolley.

Due to its popularity, they decided to develop the idea

further by inviting Year 3 boys and their parents to begin a book club. The aim was to give fathers the confidence and opportunity to support their child's reading.

"At first the sessions gave the parents the opportunity to discuss how to encourage their boys to read, now they have no problems getting the boys reading - they love it! We now plan to expand the Boys Book Club to all the year groups in the school and have some visits planned to the local library and Willows High School library to look at their books," said Jason.

Pupil, Jordan Jones said: "We all love our sports but there are a lot of boys who also enjoy reading. We thought it would be a good idea to form a book club as it would motivate us to read more and open each other's eyes to books we might like. I hope we've started something that will inspire generations of boys."

## Council offers short notice burial service

CARDIFF Council's Bereavement Service is offering a new provision for people who need to bury a loved one without undue delay.

The short notice burial service will mean a funeral may take place as soon as possible after death, provided the necessary

criteria is met.

The service is available seven days a week and on some bank holidays.

In order to take advantage of the new provision, it is necessary for the funeral booking to be made to Bereavement Services by 10.30 am and the death to

have been registered at the Registrars office. In addition, legal paperwork has to be submitted to the Cemetery Office at Thornhill by 12noon. The burial could then take place as early as the same day in an available 2.30pm or 3.30pm slot in a pre-prepared grave.

Operational manager for Bereavement and Registration Services, Martin Birch, said: "There have been a number of enquiries from some community groups across the city requesting this service as some people have a need to bury their loved ones quickly.

"Most local authorities with large ethnic groups recognise the need to provide services such as this to meet the religious and cultural needs of its population.

"Cardiff has a very good understanding of such processes and procedures

through its own staff's knowledge and experience but has also sought views from other authorities in the UK."

He added: "Bereavement is a difficult process as it is and we are duty bound to respond to the needs of the residents of Cardiff wherever possible."



# Capital Events...



Another event brought to you by Cardiff Council [www.cardiff.gov.uk](http://www.cardiff.gov.uk) or Call C2C on 2087 2087

## New Theatre

Tel: 2087 8889

Book online @ [www.newtheatrecardiff.co.uk](http://www.newtheatrecardiff.co.uk)

### An Evening of Burlesque

Thursday, April 5, 7.30pm. Sparkling with couture costumes recalling the golden eras of glamour.

### Katya Virshilas & Pasha Kovalev

Saturday, April 7, 7.30pm. Stars of BBC TV's Strictly Come Dancing take to the stage for an evening of exhibition of dance routines.

### Steel Magnolias

Tuesday, April 10 – Saturday, April 14  
Evenings 7.30pm; Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday Matinees 2.30pm. A heart-warming and bittersweet comedy, Steel Magnolias is the funniest play ever to make you cry.

### Murder on the Nile

Tuesday, April 17 – Saturday, April 21  
Evenings 7.30pm; Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday Matinees 2.30pm  
A stylish new production of the classic crime thriller Murder on the Nile.

### Northern Ballet: Beauty and the Beast

Tuesday, April 24 – Saturday, April 28  
Evenings 7.30pm; Thursday & Saturday Matinee 2.30pm  
Discover the magic that can happen when you look beneath the surface.

### Henry V

Tuesday, May 1 – Saturday, May 5  
Evenings 7.30pm; Thursday & Saturday Matinees 2.30pm. Globe Theatre On Tour presents Shakespeare's masterpiece about the turbulence of war and the art of peace.

## St David's Hall

Tel: 2087 8444

Book online @ [www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk](http://www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk)

### Roots Unearthed - Brass Monkey

Tuesday, April 3, 8pm. Their 2009 album heralded another chapter in the life of a band that has thrilled the live music scene in various incarnations since their debut in 1980.

### Lunchtime Concert - Callaghan Trio

Tuesday, April 3, 1pm. These three exciting musicians have received high acclaim for their compelling and refined performances.

### Elvis & Buddy - The Ultimate Rock 'n' Roll Show

Thursday, April 5, 7.30pm. Some of the most memorable songs ever recorded will take you on a Rock 'n' Roll journey of a lifetime.

### Islamic Relief Wales Evening of Inspiration

Friday, April 6, 5.30pm. The Evening of Inspiration will showcase some of the world's leading performers of Islamic cultural entertainment.

### Doug Stanhope

Tuesday, April 10, 8pm. America's top comic returns to the UK for a mammoth 40 date tour.

### Sally Morgan 'Psychic Sally On The Road'

Wednesday, April 11, 7.30pm. Britain's best loved celebrity psychic, Sally Morgan returns by overwhelming public demand.

### Richard Herring - What is Love, Anyway?

Thursday, April 12, 8pm  
'Does anybody love anybody anyway?' asked Howard Jones in his 1983 hit single. Finally someone dares to answer.

### Strictly Golden Oldies Tea Dance

Friday, April 13, 1.30pm  
Join Stan Stennett for an afternoon of dancing and fun at his Strictly Golden Oldies Dance.

### Miss Wales & Mister Wales Grand Final

Saturday, April 14, 7.30pm. Miss Wales is dedicated to 'Beauty with a Purpose' and is committed to raising funds for good causes and empowering the young women involved.

### Henry Blofeld - Shaken Not Stirred

Thursday, April 19, 7.30pm. No one's views are pricklier and more earth-shatteringly funny than sports journalist Henry Blofeld.

### BBC NOW - Mahler's Fourth Symphony - BBC National Orchestra of Wales

Friday, April 20, 7.30pm. Mahler's Fourth Symphony is a classical, song-like work which culminates in a representation of a child's view of heaven. Conducted by Thierry Fischer.

### A Parliamentary Gala Concert

Saturday, April 21, 7pm. Distinguished soloists and choirs come together to perform Mendelssohn's monumental Symphony No 2. Conducted by Simon Over.

### Roots Unearthed - Amy Wadge & Pete Riley

Tuesday, April 24, 8pm. Amy Wadge and Pete Riley embark on their brand new UK tour following release of their new album.

### Lunchtime Concert - Craig Ogden

Tuesday, April 24, 1pm. Australian born classical guitarist Craig Ogden is one of the most exciting artists of his generation.

### Solid Silver 60's Show

Wednesday, April 25, 7.30pm. Hear the classic hits performed by the original hit makers.

### Stewart Francis: Outstanding In His Field

Thursday, April 26, 7.30pm  
Stewart Francis embarks on a brand new tour with a fantastic and hilarious new show!

### Orchestra and Chorus of Welsh National Opera

Friday, April 27, 7.30pm  
Schoenberg's intense Ode, composed at the height of the Second World War, uses Byron's poem as a metaphor for Hitler's invasion of Europe. Conducted by Lothar Koenigs

### Peppa Pig's Treasure Hunt

Saturday, April 28 – Sunday, April 29  
Saturday 4pm, Sunday 10am, 1pm & 4pm  
Peppa Pig and her friends are going on a treasure hunt and need your help!

### Imelda May

Wednesday, May 2, 7.30pm  
The rise of Imelda May has been unstoppable since the release of her album, "Mayhem".

### The Tallis Scholars

Thursday, May 3, 7.30pm. A rare performance of the Tallis 40-part 'motet Spem in alium'.

### Strictly Golden Oldies Tea Dance

Friday, May 4, 1.30pm  
Join Stan Stennett for an afternoon of dancing and fun at his Strictly Golden Oldies Tea Dance.

## Cardiff Castle

Tel: 2087 8100 [www.cardiffcastle.com](http://www.cardiffcastle.com)

### Easter Bonnet Workshop

Thursday, April 5, 11am, Education Centre  
Decorate your own bonnet or crown and join in the parade to show off your creation. Pre-booking essential.

### Cardiff - A City at War by Dennis Morgan

Thursday, April 5, 6pm, Education Centre. The story of Cardiff during the Second World War is told by the popular local historian. Entry £7.50

### Easter Fun Day

Saturday, April 7, 11am - 4pm, Castle Grounds and Education Centre. A day of Easter-themed treats with egg rolling, trails and egg decorating workshops. Pre-booking required for workshops only.

### The Pettigrew Family of Gardeners by Matthew Williams

Thursday, April 19, 6pm, Education Centre  
Andrew Pettigrew, head gardener to the castle from 1873, created a new landscape around the Castle for Lord Bute. Tickets: £7.50.

## Park Events

Tel: 2068 4000 [www.cardiff.gov.uk/parks](http://www.cardiff.gov.uk/parks)

### Nant Fawr's Wild Flowers

Saturday, April 7, 2.30pm – 4.30pm  
Join the Rangers on a stroll through Nant Fawr's woodlands and meadows. Meet at the entrance adjacent to Cardiff High School. Free.

### Easter Fun in Roath Park

Sunday, April 8, 2pm – 4pm  
Join the Park Rangers for some eggciting Easter games and art activities. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet at the children's play area, Roath Park. £2 per child.

### Junior Photography Workshop – meet at Roath Park Conservatory

Wednesday, April 11, 10am – 12pm. Hints and tips from the Rangers to create that perfect picture. Bring your own camera if you have one. To book call 2044 5911 / 2044 5903. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Free.

### Seasonal Walk in Bute Park

Wednesday, April 11, 2pm – 3.30pm  
A series of walks throughout the year looking at the varied history of Bute Park and the flora and fauna led by staff who work daily in the park.

Meet at the West Lodge entrance off Castle Street. Free.

### Spring Walk at Coed y Felin

Saturday, April 14, 10.30am - 12.30pm  
Join the Rangers and the Friends of Coed y Felin for a walk around this semi-ancient woodland. Meet at the Heol Cefn Onn entrance. Free.

### Cathays Cemetery Heritage Walk

Sunday, April 15, 2pm – 3.30pm. Discover the history of one of the largest Victorian cemeteries in Britain and find out about famous residents and events in Cardiff's past. Meet at the main entrance gates on Fair Oak Road. No dogs permitted. Free

### Spring Walk at Cath Cobb Woods, St Mellons

Sunday, April 15, 2pm – 4pm  
Join the Rangers and the Friends of Cath Cobb Woods for a walk around this semi-ancient woodland. Meet at Tesco car park close to the woods. Free.

### Bute Park Wildlife Detectives

Wednesday, April 18, 1.30pm – 3.35pm. Seasonal arts, crafts and fun for families. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet at the Bute Park Education Centre. £2 entry.

### RHS Show Cardiff – Bute Park

Friday, April 20 – Sunday, April 22  
Friday-Saturday 10am – 5.30pm, Sunday 10am – 4.30pm. The RHS show season starts here so celebrate in style at this charming show which has a real spring festival feel. Tickets: 0844 581 0810 or [www.rhs.org.uk/cardiff](http://www.rhs.org.uk/cardiff). RHS show information: 020 7649 1885.

### Monthly Bird Walk at Forest Farm

Saturday, April 21, 10am - 12.30pm  
A guided walk to identify local birds led by RSPB Cardiff and the Friends of Forest Farm. Bring binoculars if you have them. Meet at the Warden's Centre, Forest Farm. Free.

### History Trail

Thursday, April 26, 3pm – 4pm. A guided walk from Pontcanna Caravan Site to St John's Church in Cardiff city centre, via Bute Park, looking at some of the people and places associated with Cardiff's rich history. Meet at the Warden's Office, Pontcanna Caravan Site. Free.

### Forest Farm Wildlife Watch Club

Saturday, April 28, 10am – 12pm. Come along and have lots of fun taking part in activities with other nature detectives. Ages 8-12 years and families. Contact Gareth at [gstamp@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:gstamp@cardiff.gov.uk) or call 029 2044 5903 for a programme. Visit [www.welshwildlife.org/Watchgroups](http://www.welshwildlife.org/Watchgroups) for more information.

### Cefn Onn Botanical Walk

Saturday, April 28, 10am – 12pm  
A spring walk to rediscover the plants and



vistas that the park has to offer. Walking boots, wellington boots or stout shoes required. Meet at Cefn Onn car park. Free.

#### 'The Early Bird at Bute Park'

Sunday, April 29, 5.30am – 7.30am  
An expert will help you identify all the different twitters and warbles that make up our summer songster. To book call 029 2044 5911 / 2044 5903. Meet at Pontcanna car park at the end of Field Park Road. £3.50 per person (includes breakfast roll & drink).

#### Tree Walk – Cathays Cemetery

Tuesday, May 1, 7pm – 8.30pm  
A guided walk looking at the different trees in one of the largest Victorian cemeteries in Britain. No dogs permitted. Meet at Fair oak Road entrance to Cathays Cemetery. Free.

**Why life is tough for the Blue Tits of Bute Park - Lecture by Dr Peter Ferns, Cardiff University**  
Thursday, May 3, 6pm – 7.30pm. This lecture compares the diet, breeding effort and success of the Blue Tits in Bute Park with that of other habitats. To book call 029 2078 8403. Meet at the Bute Park Education Centre. £3 entry.

## Libraries

Tel: 2038 2116 Web: [www.cardiff.gov.uk/libraryevents](http://www.cardiff.gov.uk/libraryevents)

#### Children's activities

Cardiff Libraries provide free Rhyme Time, Story Time and Language and Play sessions for babies and toddlers.

Central Library, The Hayes, has Rhyme Time for 0 -2 year olds every Wednesday and Thursday morning at 10.30am. Please book a place by telephoning 029 2078 0953 or emailing [childrenslibrary@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:childrenslibrary@cardiff.gov.uk)

Story Time for 2 - 4 year olds in Central Library is on Tuesdays and Fridays at 10.30am.

We also have lots of activities happening across Cardiff. Contact your local branch library to find out what activities are available for young children close to your home.

Canton Library 2022 9935  
Cathays Library 2078 5580  
Ely Library 2056 2064  
Fairwater Library 2078 5583  
Grangetown Library 2023 0526  
Llandaff North Library 2061 3182  
Llanedeyrn Library 2073 1428  
Llanishen Library 2075 0634  
Llanrumney Library 2078 0994  
Penylan Library 2078 8400  
Radyr Library 2084 2234  
Rhiwbina Library 2069 3276  
Rhydypennau Library 2075 4657  
Roath Library 2049 4538  
Rumney Library 2079 5834  
Splott Library 2046 2522  
St Mellon's Library 2078 0992  
Whitchurch Library 2062 8951

#### Coffee Morning

Rhydypennau Library. Every last Friday of the month. Fairtrade Tea and filter coffee provided. Quizzes, newspapers and crosswords available. Call 029 2075 4657 for details.

#### Live Music

Central Library. Saturday from 1pm. A wide range of artists performing live. Call the library on 029 2078 0959 for details.

## Flatholm

Tel: 2087 7900 [www.flatholmisland.com](http://www.flatholmisland.com)

Rich in wildlife, steeped in history, this unique island is a perfect getaway for the whole family. Now taking bookings for day trips to explore the island for Saturday, April 14 (departing 9.15am, returning 2.45pm) and Sunday, April 15 (departing 10.45am, returning 4.15pm). There are also opportunities to stay overnight at this beautiful location just 5 miles from Cardiff. Boats depart from Cardiff Bay Barrage and you can find out more about sailing times/dates by calling 029 2087 7912 or visit [www.flatholmisland.com](http://www.flatholmisland.com)

## Wales Millenium Centre

Tel: 029 2063 6464 Web: [www.wmc.org.uk](http://www.wmc.org.uk)

#### Christy Moore

Monday, April 2, 8pm. A master in adding elements of rock and popular music to well-crafted tradition-based tunes.

#### Sarah Millican: Thoroughly Modern Millican

Tuesday, April 3, 8pm. After selling out all 120 dates on her debut tour, Sarah Millican is back on the road with a new show.

#### Afternoon Concert with François-Xavier Roth

Wednesday, April 4, 2pm  
One of Stravinsky's greatest works, the Symphonies of Wind Instruments combines the classical gravity of his later style.

#### The Adventures of Wound Man and Shirley

Wednesday, April 4, 8pm. Wound Man is an unconventional superhero and happens to have a vacancy for a teenage sidekick...

#### Derren Brown: Svengali

Friday, April 6 – Monday, April 9, 8pm. Derren Brown combines magic, suggestion, psychology, misdirection and showmanship in order to seemingly predict and control human behaviour.

#### Helena Blackman - Journey to the Past

Saturday, April 7, 8pm. Journey to the Past is a nostalgic celebration of songs from the world of classic animated movie music.

#### Out of the Box

Sunday, April 8, 3pm. Out of the Box is an intriguing, funny and moving story told through dance.

#### Cirkus Cirkör: Wear It Like A Crown

Wednesday, April 11 – Saturday, April 14, 7.30pm. So much more than a circus act, renowned for heartfelt performances packed with humour and elegance.

#### Paul Merton: Out of My Head

Sunday, April 15, 8pm  
A night of sketches, music, magic and variety.

#### South Pacific

Tuesday, April 17 – Saturday, April 28, 2.30pm & 7.30pm. This stunning production has reinvented Rodgers and Hammerstein's classic musical.

#### Once In a House on Fire

Tuesday, April 24, 8pm. Based on the memoirs of Andrea Ashworth, this is an extraordinary story about ordinary people.

#### Backgammon for Beginners

Wednesday, April 25, 8pm. Fusing drama, acrobatics, live music and puppetry, So & So Circus Theatre tell the true story of this extraordinary man.

#### Oedipussy

Friday, April 27 – Saturday, April 28, 8pm  
Oedipussy combines Spymonkey's anarchic physical comedy with the playful storytelling.

#### Rhod Gilbert: The Man with the Flaming Battenberg Tattoo

Tuesday, May 1 – Saturday, May 5, 8pm. Following several sell-out UK tours Rhod Gilbert is back on the road with a brand new live show.

#### Incubator Sharing

Thursday, May 3, 7pm. Incubator Project applicants creatively try out their new ideas.

#### 7 Day Drunk

Friday, May 4, 8pm. 7 Day Drunk is a poignant take on the effects of alcohol on performers, artists and their creations.

## Norwegian Church Art Centre

Tel: 2029 7959 [www.norwegianchurchcardiff.com](http://www.norwegianchurchcardiff.com)

#### Jodie Marie Concert

Friday, April 20, 7.30pm. The 20-year old Welsh girl from Pembrokeshire has an elegant yet piercing light-blues touch. £9. Tickets available on-line via [www.swnpresents.com](http://www.swnpresents.com)

#### Joie De Vivre Markets

Sunday, April 22, 12pm - 5pm. A varied and eclectic mix of stalls that changes monthly including local hand crafted goods.

#### Wingin It Concert - Guitar Duo

Wednesday, April 25, 8pm. This energy fuelled array of acoustic music style weaves between Bluegrass, Gypsy Jazz, Folk and Pop. Doors open 7pm, tickets £10 advance / £12 door.

#### Penny Somerville Exhibition

Monday, March 12 – Wednesday, April 4  
Island - an Exhibition of Prints and Drawings by Penny Somerville.

## City and Bay Events

Email: [events@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:events@cardiff.gov.uk)

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[www.cardiff.gov.uk](http://www.cardiff.gov.uk)

[www.cardiff-festival.com](http://www.cardiff-festival.com)

2087 2087/8 (cym). All events subject to confirmation. Information on the L8 (late) night bus service is available from: 0870 608 2608 and [www.cardiffbus.com](http://www.cardiffbus.com)

#### Community Event

Every Saturday, 9.30am – 1pm. Roath Art & Craft Bazaar in conjunction with the local Farmers' Market at Mackintosh Sports & Social Club, 38 Keppoch Street, Roath. Free entry.

#### Rhiwbina Floral Society

If you would like to try your hand at flower arranging and make new friends with the same interests come and join us. We meet at Rhiwbina Memorial Hall, Lon Ucha, CF14 6HL. Every first and third Tuesday of the month. Look us up on [www.rhiwbinafloralsociety.org.uk](http://www.rhiwbinafloralsociety.org.uk)

#### Cardiff Philatelic Society

If you collect or are interested in stamps, postcards or postal history why not come along and meet some like minded people. We meet Tuesday evenings 7.30pm at Llanishen Baptist Church, Fidas Road, Llanishen, CF14 5LZ. For further information, visit [www.cardiffphilatelicsociety.org.uk](http://www.cardiffphilatelicsociety.org.uk)

#### The Gate Arts and Community Centre

For performance information please visit [www.thegate.org.uk](http://www.thegate.org.uk) or call 029 2048 3344.

#### Sherman Cymru

For performance information please visit [www.shermancymru.co.uk](http://www.shermancymru.co.uk)

#### Cardiff International White Water

Experience the thrill of white water rafting with our half-day taster sessions as well as longer courses to develop your skills. Suitable for all abilities, aged 8+. Contact 029 2082 9970 or visit [www.ciww.com](http://www.ciww.com) for more information.

#### Captain Scott: South for Science Exhibition - National Museum Cardiff

Saturday, January 14 – Sunday, May 13. Captain Scott's expedition to the South Pole a hundred years ago explored this last great frontier.

#### The Queen: Art and Image Exhibition - National Museum Cardiff

Saturday, February 4 – Sunday, April 29  
To mark The Queen's Diamond Jubilee, an in-depth exploration of the most striking and resonant images of Elizabeth II, organised by the National Portrait Gallery London.

#### John Piper: The Mountains of Wales Exhibition - National Museum Cardiff

Saturday, February 11 – Sunday, May 13. John Piper's dramatic depictions of the mountains of north Wales provide the subject of this exhibition.

#### Origins Lunchtime Talk, Elizabeth Walker, Archaeology Department - National Museum Cardiff

Wednesday, April 4, 1.05pm. A celebration of discoveries in Pontnewydd Cave - Neanderthals in Wales.

#### Easter Egg Hunt - National Museum Cardiff

Friday, April 6 – Monday, April 9, 11am - 4pm  
Can you find the eggs hidden around the Museum? Find them all to win a prize.

#### Eater Hunt - St Fagans: National History Museum

Friday, April 6 – Monday, April 9, 11am - 3pm  
Follow the clues around the site that lead you back to your prize.

#### Life in the Iron Age - St Fagans: National History Museum

Saturday, April 7, 12pm-1pm (Welsh) 2pm-3pm (English). Explore the roundhouse and learn about everyday life from our Iron Age interpreter.

#### Nature Activities - St Fagans: National History Museum

Monday, April 9 – Wednesday, April 11, 11am-1pm & 2pm-4pm. Watch live nature cameras and take part in nature games and activities in the nature den.

#### Collaged Landscapes - National Museum Cardiff

Tuesday, April 10 – Sunday, April 15, 11am, 1pm & 3pm. Work with an artist to explore the work of John Piper and make your own collaged landscape.

#### Miniature St Fagans – Constructing Model Buildings - St Fagans: National History Museum

Saturday, April 14 & Sunday, April 15, 11am-1pm & 2pm-4pm. Model maker David Wright will demonstrate how you too can produce model buildings from scrap.

#### Titian's Diana and Actaeon on tour from the National Gallery - National Museum Cardiff

Thursday, April 19 – Sunday, June 17. This masterpiece of Renaissance art will be displayed in Wales for the first time in its colourful history.

#### Natural History Lunchtime Talk - National Museum Cardiff

Wednesday, April 25, 1.05pm  
Diatoms - indicators of environmental change. Ingrid Jüttner. Biodiversity Department.



## PUBLIC NOTICE

## NEW TRAFFIC PROPOSALS FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF CARDIFF

The County Council of the City and County of Cardiff in exercise of its powers under the Highways Act 1980 and the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended and of all other enabling powers intends imposing traffic restrictions on the lengths of road referred to in the Schedule below. The nature of the restriction and the titles of the proposed orders are also described in the said Schedule.

Full details of the proposals and plans showing the location and extent of the proposed restrictions may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.

Any objection you may have to any of the proposals must be submitted to me in writing on or before the 3rd May 2012 and must contain the grounds on which you object.

## SCHEDULE

1. The County Council of the City and County of Cardiff (Market Road Cardiff) (Special Parking Places – Car Club Vehicles) Order 2012 proposes to establish Parking Places for use by Car Club Vehicles ONLY in Market Road - on its north east side from a point 73 metres south east of its junction with Carmarthen Street for a distance of 6 metres south east.

2. The County Council of the City and County of Cardiff (Pitman Street Cardiff) (Special Parking Places – Car Club Vehicles) Order 2012 proposes to establish Parking Places for use by Car Club Vehicles ONLY in Pitman Street – on its south west side from a point 7 metres north west of its junction with Talbot Street for a distance of 6 metres north west.

3. The County Council of the City and County of Cardiff (Cowbridge Road East/ Library Street Cardiff) (Prohibition of Waiting and Amendment) Order 2012 proposes to amend the existing restrictions to:

(A) Prevent you from leaving your vehicle at any time and loading or unloading your vehicle at any time in Library Street - on its east side from a point 37 metres north of its junction with Cowbridge Road East for a distance of 16 metres north; and on its west side from a point 47 metres north of its junction with Cowbridge Road East for a distance of 6 metres north.

(B) Prevent you from leaving your vehicle at any time in Library Street - on its west side from its junction with Cowbridge Road East for a distance of 47 metres north; and on its east side from its junction with Market Place for a distance of 38 metres south.

(C) Change the permitted loading times to 8am to 5pm (Monday - Saturday) in relation to the existing

Goods Vehicle Parking Place located in Cowbridge Road East on its north side from a point 4 metres west of the western kerbline of Library Street to a point 16 metres west.

4. The County Council of the City and County of Cardiff (Merthyr Road Cardiff) (Prohibition of Waiting/ Loading) Order 2012 proposes to prevent you from leaving your vehicle at any time with no loading or unloading from between the hours of 8.00am and 6.30pm (Monday – Saturday) in Merthyr Road - on its north east side from its junction with Old Church Road for a distance of 21 metres south east; and from a point 39 metres south east of the same junction for a distance of 22 metres south east.

5. The County Council of the City and County of Cardiff (Penline Road Cardiff) (Prohibition of Waiting) Order 2012 proposes to amend the existing waiting restrictions to prevent you from leaving your vehicle between the hours of 8 am – 6.30 pm (Monday – Saturday) in Penline Road – on its south west side throughout its length; and on its north east side from its junction with Old Church Road for a distance of 80 metres north west.

6. The County Council of the City and County of Cardiff (Falconwood Drive Cardiff) (Prohibition of Waiting) Order 2012 proposes to prevent you from leaving your vehicle at any time in Falconwood Drive – on its north

side, from its junction with Michaelston Road for a distance of 42 metres west; and on its south side, from its junction with Michaelston Road for a distance of 17 metres west.

7. The County Council of the City and County of Cardiff (Ysgol Pencae Area Cardiff) (Prohibition of Waiting) Order 2012 proposes to prevent you from:

(A) Leaving your vehicle between the hours of 8 am to 4.30 pm (Monday – Friday) in:-

Gillian Road – on its north west side from a point 20 metres north east of its junction with Llantrisant Road to a point 10 metres south west of its junction with Whitehall Road; and on its north west side from a point 10 metres north east of its junction with Whitehall Road to a point 10 metres south west of its junction with Highfields.

Whitehall Road – on its south west side, from a point 10 metres north west of its junction with Gillian Road to a point 10 metres south east of its junction with Greenwood Road.

Highfields – on its south west side from a point 10 metres south east of its junction with Greenwood Road for a distance of 60 metres south east.

Greenwood Road – on its south east side from a point 10 metres south west of its junction with Highfields to

a point 10 metres north east of its junction with Whitehall Road; and on its south east side, from a point 10 metres north east of its junction with Llantrisant Road to a point 10 metres south west of its junction with Whitehall Road

(B) Leaving your vehicle at any time in:-

Gillian Road – on its north west side from a point 10 metres south west of its junction with Whitehall Road to a point 10 metres north east of the same junction.

Whitehall Road – on both sides from its junction with Gillian Road for a distance of 10 metres north west; and on both sides from its junction with Greenwood Road for a distance of 10 metres south east.

Highfields – on its south west side, from a point 10 metres north west of its junction with Greenwood Road to a point 10 metres south east of the same junction.

Greenwood Road - on both sides from its junction with Highfields for a distance of 10 metres south west; and on its south east side, from a point 10 metres south west of its junction with Whitehall Road to a point 10 metres north east of the same junction.

8. The County Council of the City and County of Cardiff (Fortran Road/ Unnamed Service Road Cardiff)

(Prohibition of Waiting) Order 2012 proposes to prevent you from leaving your vehicle at any time in Unnamed Service Road, St. Mellon's Business Park, situated on the north side of Fortran Road (180 metres northwest of the eastern junction with Cobol Road) – on its south east side, from its junction with Fortran Road north east throughout its length.

9. The County Council of the City and County of Cardiff (Western Avenue Cardiff) (Prohibition of Right Hand Turn) Order 2012 proposes to prevent you from driving any vehicle so that it makes a Right Hand turn from:-

(i) Llandaff Rugby Club into Western Avenue (south east side)  
(ii) Western Avenue (westbound) into Llandaff Rugby Club.

10. The County Council of the City and County of Cardiff (Dominion Way Cardiff) (Prohibition of Waiting) Order 2012 proposes to prevent you from leaving your vehicle at any time in Dominion Way – on its north east side from its junction with Newport Road for a distance of 27 metres north west; and on its south west side from its junction with Newport Road for a distance of 35 metres north west.

Melanie Clay  
Chief Legal and Democratic Services Officer  
County Hall, Atlantic Wharf, Cardiff, CF10 4UW

## PRIMARY SCHOOLS MENU 02 APRIL - 27 APRIL 2012

| MONDAY<br>02 APRIL                                                                                                                                                                                                             | TUESDAY<br>03 APRIL                                                                                                                                                                                                  | WEDNESDAY<br>04 APRIL                                                                                                                                                                                                          | THURSDAY<br>05 APRIL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | FRIDAY<br>06 APRIL                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| Scrambled Egg and Sausage V<br>Cream of Tomato Soup with Cheese<br>Petit Pain<br>Sauté Potatoes<br>Baked Beans<br>Homemade Steamed Fruit Pudding with Custard<br>A range of Desserts to include Fresh Fruit or Muller Yoghurts | Homemade Pepperoni Pasta Bake<br>Homemade Vegetarian Pasta Bake V<br>Jacket Potato filled with Tuna or Cheese<br>Sweetcorn<br>Homemade Rice Pudding<br>A range of Desserts to include Fresh Fruit or Muller Yoghurts | Homemade Chicken Tikka<br>Homemade Vegetable Tikka V<br>Oven Baked Fish Finger Wrap<br>Potato Wedges<br>Mixed Vegetables Coleslaw<br>Homemade Cornflake Crisp<br>A range of Desserts to include Fresh Fruit or Muller Yoghurts | Roast Turkey<br>Sage and Onion Stuffing and Gravy<br>Cheese Vegetable Pastry V<br>Roast/New Potatoes<br>Cabbage<br>Carrots<br>Arctic roll with Fruit<br>A range of Desserts to include Fresh Fruit or Muller Yoghurts                                       | EASTER BANK HOLIDAY                                                                                                                                                                    |
| EASTER HOLIDAYS 06 - 20 APRIL                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 23 APRIL                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 24 APRIL                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 25 APRIL                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 26 APRIL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 27 APRIL                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Homemade Margherita Assorted Pizza V<br>Jacket Potato filled with Tuna or Baked Beans<br>Herby Diced Potatoes<br>Baked Beans<br>Homemade Rice Pudding<br>A range of Desserts to include Fresh Fruit or Muller Yoghurts         | Pork Sausage with Gravy<br>Vegetable Sausage V<br>Creamed Potatoes<br>Garden Peas<br>Swede<br>Homemade Chocolate Brownie with Chocolate Custard<br>A range of Desserts to include Fresh Fruit or Muller Yoghurts     | Homemade Creamy or Tomato Chicken Pasta<br>Homemade Pasta Napolitan V<br>Broccoli<br>Sweetcorn<br>Homemade Chocolate Crunch Cookie with Apple Wedges<br>A range of Desserts to include Fresh Fruit or Muller Yoghurts          | Roast Pork<br>Sage and Onion Stuffing and Gravy<br>Homemade Corned Beef Pie<br>Homemade Cheese and Potato Pie V<br>Roast/New Potatoes<br>Broccoli<br>Carrots<br>Fruit Jelly with Ice Cream<br>A range of Desserts to include Fresh Fruit or Muller Yoghurts | Alaskan Salmon Bake<br>Country Vegetable Bake V<br>Chipped Potatoes<br>Coleslaw<br>Homemade Eves Pudding with Custard<br>A range of Desserts to include Fresh Fruit or Muller Yoghurts |

Fresh salad, extra bread and an extra piece of fruit are offered daily.  
V This is a vegetarian product or a vegetarian version is available. Please note that different term dates may apply. This menu represents our full range of meals, your school may have requested a smaller selection.



Seafood with this mark comes from a fishery that has been independently certified to the MSC's standard for a well-managed and sustainable fishery



Did you know that our menus are translated into...

- Arabic
- Bengali
- Czech
- Polish
- Punjabi
- Somali
- Urdu



and are all available on our website  
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